

BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD

In the Matter of:

JANE Y. JONES
(Claimant)

PRECEDENT
BENEFIT DECISION
No. P-B-134
Case No. 71-8704

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The claimant appealed from Referee's Decision No. OAK-7326 which held the claimant was disqualified from benefits under section 1257(b) of the California Unemployment Insurance Code.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The claimant has worked as an executive secretary for the past 15 years. She was most recently employed as an executive secretary for a realtor. That work ended July 14, 1971. For her services she received \$600 per month.

On August 30, 1971 a representative of the Department telephoned the claimant to inform the claimant of a potential work opportunity as a secretary in the Berkeley area. The work would have required the claimant's experience and background. The hours of work were 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the specified salary was \$655 per month. The prospective employer was situated in the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

The claimant declined the referral explaining that she was afraid to work in the Berkeley area. Approximately two years before she had been in Berkeley during the student riots and certain of the rioters had attempted to overturn her automobile. The particular situs of the potential work opportunity, however, was

the referral the claimant had been unemployed for over six weeks and had no other prospects for securing employment. Accordingly, the work was in all respects suitable provided an undue risk to the claimant's health or safety was not posed.

A claimant who is in doubt as to the suitability of work to which he is referred should apply in person to the prospective employer and ascertain at firsthand whether the work is suitable.

The claimant in this case was notified of a job opening which was in all respects suitable to her. She did not apply for this work because she did not want to work in Berkeley as she had had an unpleasant experience in that city. Had she investigated the area of the work location, she would have found that it was far from the recent troubles and in a quiet section of Berkeley. Accordingly, we conclude that the claimant did not have good cause for her failure to apply for this suitable work and she is subject to disqualification under section 1257(b) of the code.

DECISION

The decision of the referee is affirmed. The claimant is disqualified from benefits under section 1257(b) of the code.

Sacramento, California, March 9, 1972.

CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD

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